

JACOB B. PROBST, bishop of Midway Ward No. 2 in the Church of the Latter Day Saints, has been not only an earnest churchman but one of the most successful citizens and business men in Wasatch County.

Mr. Probst was born in Switzerland, January 3, 1864, son of John Ulrich and Anna Barbara (Kiener) Probst. He was eight years of age when his parents came to America, in 1872, and settled in Wasatch County, Utah. On the farm of his parents Mr. Probst spent his early years, attending local schools and the

chief business has been farming, stock raising and merchandising. He built up an extensive estate as a stock raiser and irrigation farmer and for a number of years was manager of the local cooperative store.

As a young man he went back to his native land and spent two and a half years in missionary duty there and in Germany. His service as bishop of the Midway Ward covers a period of over twenty-nine years, since 1903. For three years he was also stake high counselor. Mr. Probst is a Republican, was for four years county commissioner, assessor six years, member of the town council eight years, and for two years a justice of the peace. But brief enumeration of services and positions held is all that is necessary to establish his identity as one of the men of mark in modern Utah.

Mr. Probst married in September, 1891, Miss Mary M. Huber. She was born in Wasatch County, but her parents, John and Mary M. (Munz) Huber, came from Switzerland to America in 1863 and crossed the plains to Utah with ox teams. Mr. and Mrs. Probst have two living children. The son Carl L. married Carrie Wright, of Hinckley, Utah. The son Vernon H. has active charge of his father's farm. The three deceased children were named Leah, Estella and Stanley.

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